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## William Shkurti

"New Lessons From an Old War"

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

3:30 P.M.

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1501 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

To RSVP for this event, email Ann Powers at [powers.108@osu.edu](mailto:powers.108@osu.edu) by Friday, September 30, 2011.

William Shkurti is an adjunct professor in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University. Shkurti worked in the Ohio State fiscal office from 1988-2010 and retired as the chief financial officer in 2010.

After graduating from The Ohio State University in 1968, Shkurti enlisted in the Army and completed Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served as an artillery officer in Vietnam with B Battery 2/35th Artillery at Fire Support Base Lanyard on the Cambodian border in 1970-71. He also served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany, and the 6th Armored Cavalry at Fort Meade, Maryland.

After completing his enlistment, Shkurti returned to The Ohio State University to earn a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He served as budget director for the State of Ohio from 1985-1987.

[\*Soldiering On in a Dying War\*](#) (University Press of Kansas, 2011) is Shkurti's first book about the Vietnam War. He authored a shorter piece about a 1970 incident involving soldiers from the First Cavalry Division on the Cambodian border titled "A Minor Rebellion," which was published in the June 2008 issue of *Vietnam Magazine*.

In this event, Shkurti will be examining whether America's experience with the Vietnam drawdown 40 years ago sheds any light on what we might expect or not expect as we drawdown U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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